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AN OPTICAL FIBER HAVING AT LEST ONE BRAGG GRATING OBTAINED BY

WRITING DIRECTLY THROUGH THE COATING COVERING THE CLADDING

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